

## Message Text

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R 181715Z AUG 77  
FM AMEMBASSY RABAT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2878  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE  
AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

C O N F I D E N T I A L RABAT 4578

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OAU, MO, SS  
SUBJ: OAU SPECIAL SUMMIT ON SAHARA

1. MFA DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA-ASIA MOHAMED BISBIS TERMED AS FALSE  
AUG. 16 AFP REPORT FROM LIBREVILLE CITING SOURCE CLOSE TO THE  
ALGERIAN OAU DELEGATION AS STATING THAT TWO-THIRDS QUORUM FOR  
PROPOSED LUSAKA SUMMIT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY. BISBIS INSISTED  
THAT OAU RULES WERE VERY CLEAR ON THIS POINT.

2. ASKED ABOUT MAURITANIAN ASSERTION THAT CHIEFS OF STATE MUST  
ATTEND, BISBIS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THIS HAD NO REAL BASIS IN THE  
OAU STATUTES BUT THAT IT WAS CERTAINLY AN "ARGUABLE" POINT. ALSO  
ARGUABLE DOWN THE LINE WAS WHAT "SAHARAN PEOPLES" MIGHT BE  
RERPRESENTED AT ANY SUCH CONFERENCE. THERE WERE MANY SUCH GROUPINGS.  
FINALLY, HE ASKED RHETORICALLY, WHAT WOULD IT MATTER IF SUCH A  
CONFERENCE WERE TO CALL ON MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA TO LEAVE THE  
SAHARA?

3. COMMENT: BISBIS'S COMMENTS WERE PERSONAL, BUT PROBABLY  
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ACCURATELY REFLECT THE GOM'S ULTIMATE FALLBACK POSITIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY ADDIS IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE ON  
OAU PROCEDURES GOVERNING QUORUM, ESPECIALLY AS THEY MIGHT APPLY  
TO ANY SPECIAL SAHARA SUMMIT.  
ANDERSON

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